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To improve the netting process for financial contracts and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. McHenry introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

A BILL

To improve the netting process for financial contracts and for other purposes.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- This Act may be cited as the "Financial Netting Im-4
- provements Act of 2006".



1	SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN AGREEMENTS BY CON-
2	SERVATORS OR RECEIVERS OF DEPOSITORY
3	INSTITUTIONS.
4	(a) Definition of Securities Contract.—
5	(1) FDIC-insured depository institu-
6	TIONS.—Section 11(e)(8)(D)(ii) of the Federal De-
7	posit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1821(e)(8)(D)(ii)) is
8	amended—
9	(A) in subclause (I)—
10	(i) by striking "mortgage loan, or"
11	and inserting "mortgage loan,"; and
12	(ii) by inserting before the semicolon
13	"(whether or not such repurchase or re-
14	verse repurchase transaction is a 'repur-
15	chase agreement', as defined in clause
16	(v))";
17	(B) in subclause (IV)—
18	(i) by inserting "(including by nova-
19	tion)" after "the guarantee"; and
20	(ii) by inserting before the semicolon
21	"(whether or not such settlement is in con-
22	nection with any agreement or transaction
23	referred to in subclauses (I) through (XII)
24	(other than subclause (II))"



1	(C) in subclause (IX), by striking "or
2	(VIII)" each place such term appears and in-
3	serting "(VIII), (IX), or (X)";
4	(D) by redesignating subclauses (VI),
5	(VII), (VIII), (IX), and (X) as subclauses
6	(VIII), (IX), (X), (XI), and (XII), respectively;
7	and
8	(E) by inserting after subclause (V) the
9	following new subparagraphs:
10	"(VI) means any extension of
11	credit for the clearance or settlement
12	of securities transactions;
13	"(VII) means any loan trans-
14	action coupled with a securities collar
15	transaction, any prepaid securities
16	forward transaction, or any total re-
17	turn swap transaction coupled with a
18	securities sale transaction;".
19	(2) Insured credit unions.—Section
20	207(e)(8)(D)(ii) of the Federal Credit Union Act
21	(12 U.S.C. 1787(c)(8)(D)(ii)) is amended—
22	(A) in subclause (I)—
23	(i) by striking "mortgage loan, or"
24	and inserting "mortgage loan.": and



1	(ii) by inserting before the semicolon
2	"(whether or not such repurchase or re-
3	verse repurchase transaction is a 'repur-
4	chase agreement', as defined in clause
5	(v))'';
6	(B) in subclause (IV)—
7	(i) by inserting "(including by nova-
8	tion)" after "the guarantee"; and
9	(ii) by inserting before the semicolon
10	"(whether or not such settlement is in con-
11	nection with any agreement or transaction
12	referred to in subclauses (I) through (XII)
13	(other than subclause (II))";
14	(C) in subclause (IX), by striking "or
15	(VIII)" each place such term appears and in-
16	serting "(VIII), (IX), or (X)";
17	(D) by redesignating subclauses (VI),
18	(VII), (VIII), (IX), and (X) as subclauses
19	(VIII), (IX), (X), (XI), and (XII), respectively;
20	and
21	(E) by inserting after subclause (V) the
22	following new subparagraphs:
23	"(VI) means any extension of
24	credit for the clearance or settlement
25	of securities transactions;



1	"(VII) means any loan trans-
2	action coupled with a securities collar
3	transaction, any prepaid securities
4	forward transaction, or any total re-
5	turn swap transaction coupled with a
6	securities sale transaction;".
7	(b) Definition of Forward Contract.—
8	(1) FDIC-insured depository institu-
9	Tions.—Section $11(e)(8)(D)(iv)(I)$ of the Federa
10	Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C
11	1821(e)(8)(D)(iv)(I)) is amended by striking "trans-
12	action, reverse repurchase transaction" and inserting
13	"or reverse repurchase transaction (whether or not
14	such repurchase or reverse repurchase transaction is
15	a 'repurchase agreement', as defined in clause (v))"
16	(2) Insured credit unions.—Section
17	207(c)(8)(D)(iv)(I) of the Federal Credit Union Act
18	(12 U.S.C. $1787(c)(8)(D)(iv)(I)$) is amended by
19	striking "transaction, reverse repurchase trans-
20	action" and inserting "or reverse repurchase trans-
21	action (whether or not such repurchase or reverse
22	repurchase transaction is a 'repurchase agreement'
23	as defined in clause (v))".

(c) Definition of Swap Agreement.—



1	(1) FDIC-insured depository institu-
2	TIONS.—Section 11(e)(8)(D)(vi) of the Federal De-
3	posit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1821(e)(8)(D)(vi)) is
4	amended—
5	(A) in subclause (I)—
6	(i) by striking "or precious metals"
7	and inserting ", precious metals, or other
8	commodity"; and
9	(ii) by striking "or a weather swap,
10	weather derivative, or weather option" and
11	inserting "weather swap, option, future, or
12	forward agreement; an emissions swap, op-
13	tion, future, or forward agreement; or an
14	inflation swap, option, future, or forward
15	agreement";
16	(B) in subclause (II)—
17	(i) by inserting "or other derivatives"
18	after "dealings in the swap"; and
19	(ii) by striking "future, or option"
20	and inserting "future, option, or spot
21	transaction"; and
22	(C) by striking "the Securities Act of
23	1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the
24	Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935,
25	the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 the Invest.



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1	ment Company Act of 1940, the Investment
2	Advisers Act of 1940, the Securities Investor
3	Protection Act of 1970, the Commodity Ex-
4	change Act, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, and
5	the Legal Certainty for Bank Products Act of
6	2000" and inserting "the Gramm-Leach-Bliley
7	Act, the Legal Certainty for Bank Products Act
8	of 2000, the securities laws (as such term is de-
9	fined in section 3(a)(47) of the Securities Ex-
10	change Act of 1934) and the Commodity Ex-
11	change Act".
12	(2) Insured credit unions.—Section
13	207(c)(8)(D)(vi) of the Federal Credit Union Act
14	(12 U.S.C. 1787(e)(8)(D)(vi)) is amended—
15	(A) in subclause (I)—
16	(i) by striking "or precious metals"
17	and inserting ", precious metals, or other
18	commodity"; and
19	(ii) by striking "or a weather swap,
20	weather derivative, or weather option" and
21	inserting "weather swap, option, future, or
22	forward agreement; an emissions swap, op-
23	tion, future, or forward agreement; or an
24	inflation swap, option, future, or forward



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agreement";

1	(B) in subclause (II)—
2	(i) by inserting "or other derivatives"
3	after "dealings in the swap"; and
4	(ii) by striking "future, or option"
5	and inserting "future, option, or spot
6	transaction"; and
7	(C) by striking "the Securities Act of
8	1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the
9	Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935,
10	the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the Invest-
11	ment Company Act of 1940, the Investment
12	Advisers Act of 1940, the Securities Investor
13	Protection Act of 1970, the Commodity Ex-
14	change Act, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, and
15	the Legal Certainty for Bank Products Act of
16	2000" and inserting "the Gramm-Leach-Bliley
17	Act, the Legal Certainty for Bank Products Act
18	of 2000, the securities laws (as such term is de-
19	fined in section 3(a)(47) of the Securities Ex-
20	change Act of 1934) and the Commodity Ex-
21	change Act''.
22	SEC. 3. CLARIFYING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO DEFINI-
23	TION OF PERSON.
24	(a) FDIC-Insured Depository Institutions
25	DEFINITION OF PERSON.—Section 11(e)(8)(D) of the



1	Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1821(e)(8)(D))
2	is amended by adding at the end the following:
3	"(ix) Person.—The term 'person' includes
4	any governmental entity in addition to any enti-
5	ty included in the definition of such term in
6	section 1 of title 1, United States Code.".
7	(b) Insured Credit Unions Definition of Per-
8	son.—Section 207(c)(8)(D) of the Federal Credit Union
9	Act (12 U.S.C. 1787(c)(8)(D)) is amended by adding at
10	the end the following:
11	"(ix) Person.—The term 'person' in-
12	cludes any governmental entity in addition
13	to any entity included in the definition of
14	such term in section 1 of title 1, United
15	States Code.".
16	SEC. 4. FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION IM-
17	PROVEMENT ACT OF 1991.
18	(a) Enforceability of Bilateral Netting Con-
19	TRACTS.—Section 403 of the Federal Deposit Insurance
20	Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 (12 U.S.C. 4403)
21	is amended—
22	(1) in each of subsections (a) and (f), by strik-
23	ing "paragraphs $(8)(E)$, $(8)(F)$, and $(10)(B)$ of"
24	each place such term appears; and



1	(2) in subsection (a), by inserting "terminated,
2	liquidated, accelerated, and" after "institutions shall
3	be".
4	(b) Enforceability of Clearing Organization
5	NETTING CONTRACTS.—Section 404 of the Federal De-
6	posit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 (12
7	U.S.C. 4404) is amended—
8	(1) in each of subsections (a) and (h), by strik-
9	ing "paragraphs $(8)(E)$, $(8)(F)$, and $(10)(B)$ of"
10	each place such term appears; and
11	(2) in subsection (a), by inserting "terminated,
12	liquidated, accelerated, and" after "organization
13	shall be".
14	SEC. 5. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.
15	(a) Clarifying Definitions.—Title 11, United
16	States Code, is amended—
17	(1) in section 101—
18	(A) in paragraph (22)(A)—
19	(i) by striking "(domestic or foreign)"
20	after "an entity"; and
21	(ii) by inserting "(whether or not a
22	'customer', as defined in section 741)"
23	after "custodian for a customer";
24	(B) in paragraph (22A)—



1	(i) by striking "on any day during the
2	previous 15-month period" each place it
3	appears and inserting "at such time or on
4	any day during the 15-month period pre-
5	ceding the date of the filing of the peti-
6	tion"; and
7	(ii) by inserting "(aggregated across
8	counterparties)" after "principal amount
9	outstanding";
10	(C) in paragraph (25)(A)—
11	(i) by inserting ", as defined in sec-
12	tion 761" after "commodity contract"; and
13	(ii) by striking "repurchase trans-
14	action, reverse repurchase transaction,"
15	and inserting "repurchase or reverse re-
16	purchase transaction (whether or not such
17	repurchase or reverse repurchase trans-
18	action is a 'repurchase agreement', as de-
19	fined in this section)";
20	(D) in paragraph (53B)(A)—
21	(i) in clause (i)—
22	(I) in subclause (II), by striking
23	"or precious metals" and inserting ",

precious metals, or other commodity";



1	(II) in subclause (VII), by strik-
2	ing "or" at the end;
3	(III) in subclause (VIII), by
4	striking "weather derivative, or weath-
5	er option" and inserting "option, fu-
6	ture, or forward agreement"; and
7	(IV) by adding at the end the fol-
8	lowing:
9	"(IX) an emissions swap, option,
10	future, or forward agreement; or
11	"(X) an inflation swap, option,
12	future, or forward agreement;"; and
13	(ii) in clause (ii)—
14	(I) in subclause (I), by inserting
15	"or other derivatives" after "dealings
16	in the swap'; and
17	(II) in subclause (II), by striking
18	"future, or option" and inserting "fu-
19	ture, option, or spot transaction"; and
20	(E) in paragraph (53B)(B), by striking
21	"the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Ex-
22	change Act of 1934, the Public Utility Holding
23	Company Act of 1935, the Trust Indenture Act
24	of 1939, the Investment Company Act of 1940,
25	the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Secu-



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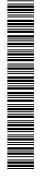
1	rities Investor Protection Act of 1970, the Com-
2	modity Exchange Act, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley
3	Act, and the Legal Certainty for Bank Products
4	Act of 2000" and inserting "the Gramm-Leach-
5	Bliley Act, the Legal Certainty for Bank Prod-
6	ucts Act of 2000, the securities laws (as such
7	term is defined in section 3(a)(47) of the Secu-
8	rities Exchange Act of 1934) and the Com-
9	modity Exchange Act";
10	(2) in section 362(b)—
11	(A) by striking paragraphs (6) and (7) and
12	inserting the following:
13	"(6) under subsection (a) of this section, of the
14	exercise by a commodity broker, forward contract
15	merchant, stockbroker, financial institution, finan-
16	cial participant, or securities clearing agency of any
17	contractual right (as defined in section 555 or 556)
18	under any security agreement or arrangement or
19	other credit enhancement forming a part of or re-
20	lated to any commodity contract, forward contract
21	or securities contract, or of any contractual right (as
22	defined in section 555 or 556) to offset or net out
23	any termination value, payment amount, or other

transfer obligation arising under or in connection



1	with 1 or more such contracts, including any master
2	agreement for such contracts;
3	"(7) under subsection (a) of this section, of the
4	exercise by a repo participant or financial partici-
5	pant of any contractual right (as defined in section
6	559) under any security agreement or arrangement
7	or other credit enhancement forming a part of or re-
8	lated to any repurchase agreement, or of any con-
9	tractual right (as defined in section 559) to offset or
10	net out any termination value, payment amount, or
11	other transfer obligation arising under or in connec
12	tion with 1 or more such agreements, including any
13	master agreement for such agreements;";
14	(B) by striking paragraph (17) and insert
15	ing the following:
16	"(17) under subsection (a) of this section, or
17	the exercise by a swap participant or financial par-
18	ticipant of any contractual right (as defined in sec-
19	tion 560) under any security agreement or arrange
20	ment or other credit enhancement forming a part of
21	or related to any swap agreement, or of any contrac-
22	tual right (as defined in section 560) to offset or ne
23	out any termination value, payment amount, or

other transfer obligation arising under or in connec-



1	tion with 1 or more such agreements, including any
2	master agreement for such agreements;"; and
3	(C) by striking paragraph (27) and insert-
4	ing the following:
5	"(27) under subsection (a) of this section, of
6	the exercise by a master netting agreement partici-
7	pant of any contractual right (as defined in section
8	555, 556, 559, or 560) under any security agree-
9	ment or arrangement or other credit enhancement
10	forming a part of or related to any master netting
11	agreement, or of any contractual right (as defined in
12	section 555, 556, 559, or 560) to offset or net out
13	any termination value, payment amount, or other
14	transfer obligation arising under or in connection
15	with 1 or more such master netting agreements to
16	the extent that such participant is eligible to exercise
17	such rights under paragraph (6), (7), or (17) for
18	each individual contract covered by the master net-
19	ting agreement in issue; and"; and
20	(3) in section $741(7)(A)$ —
21	(A) in clause (i)—
22	(i) by striking "mortgage loan or"
23	and inserting "mortgage loan,"; and
24	(ii) by inserting before the semicolon
25	"(whether or not such repurchase or re-



1	verse repurchase transaction is a 'repur-
2	chase agreement', as defined in section
3	101)";
4	(B) in clause (iii)—
5	(i) by inserting "(including by nova-
6	tion)" after "the guarantee"; and
7	(ii) by inserting before the semicolon
8	"(whether or not such settlement is in con-
9	nection with any agreement or transaction
10	referred to in clauses (i) through (xi))";
11	(C) in clause (viii), by striking "or (vii)"
12	each place it appears and inserting "(vii), (viii),
13	or (ix)";
14	(D) by redesignating clauses (v) through
15	(ix) as clauses (vii) through (xi), respectively;
16	and
17	(E) by inserting after clause (iv) the fol-
18	lowing:
19	"(v) any extension of credit for
20	the clearance or settlement of securi-
21	ties transactions;
22	"(vi) any loan transaction cou-
23	pled with a securities collar trans-
24	action, any prepaid forward securities
25	transaction, or any total return swap



1	transaction coupled with a securities
2	sale transaction;".
3	(b) Limitation of Avoidance Powers Under
4	MASTER NETTING AGREEMENT.—Section 546 of title 11,
5	United States Code, is amended—
6	(1) in subsection (e)—
7	(A) by inserting "(or for the benefit of)"
8	before "a commodity broker"; and
9	(B) by inserting "or that is a transfer
10	made by or to (or for the benefit of) a com-
11	modity broker, forward contract merchant,
12	stockbroker, financial institution, financial par-
13	ticipant, or securities clearing agency, in con-
14	nection with a securities contract, as defined in
15	section 741(7), commodity contract, as defined
16	in section 761(4), or forward contract," after
17	"securities clearing agency,";
18	(2) in subsection (f)—
19	(A) by striking "that is a margin payment,
20	as defined in section 741 or 761 of this title,
21	or settlement payment, as defined in section
22	741 of this title,"; and
23	(B) by inserting "(or for the benefit of)"
24	before "a repo participant";



1	(3) in subsection (g), by inserting "(or for the
2	benefit of)" before "a swap participant"; and
3	(4) in subsection (j), by inserting "(or for the
4	benefit of)" after "made by or to".
5	(c) SIPC STAY.—Section 5(b)(2)(C)(iii) of the Secu-
6	rities Investor Protection Act of 1970 (15 U.S.C.
7	78eee(b)(2)(C)(iii)) is amended—
8	(1) by inserting "a derivatives clearing organi-
9	zation (as defined in the Commodity Exchange Act),
10	a multilateral clearing organization (as defined in
11	the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improve-
12	ment Act of 1991)," after "rule or bylaw of"; and
13	(2) by striking "or a securities clearance agen-
14	cy, a right set forth in a bylaw of a clearing organi-
15	zation or contract market" and inserting "a securi-
16	ties clearing agency, a contract market designated
17	under the Commodity Exchange Act, a derivatives
18	transaction execution facility registered under the
19	Commodity Exchange Act, or a board of trade (as
20	defined in the Commodity Exchange Act),".
21	(d) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Title IX of the Bankruptcy
22	Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005
23	(Public Law 109–8, 119 Stat. 146) is amended by adding
24	at the end the following:



1 "SEC. 912. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

2	"The meanings of terms used in this title are applica-
3	ble for the purposes of this title only, and shall not be
4	construed or applied so as to challenge or affect the char-
5	acterization, definition, or treatment of any similar terms
6	under any other statute, regulation, or rule, including the
7	Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, the Legal Certainty for Bank
8	Products Act of 2000, the securities laws (as such term
9	is defined in section 3(a)(47) of the Securities Exchange
10	Act of 1934), and the Commodity Exchange Act.".
11	SEC. 6. WALKAWAY CLAUSES.
12	(a) FDIC-Insured Depository Institutions.—
13	Section 11(e)(8)(G) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act
14	(12 U.S.C. 1821(e)(8)(G)) is amended by striking clause
15	(ii) and inserting the following new clauses:
16	"(ii) Limited suspension of cer-
17	TAIN OBLIGATIONS.—In the case of a
18	qualified financial contract referred to in
19	clause (i), any payment or delivery obliga-
20	tions otherwise due from a party pursuant
21	to the qualified financial contract shall be
22	suspended from the time the receiver is ap-
23	pointed until the earlier of—

"(I) the time such party receives

notice that such contract has been



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1	transferred pursuant to subparagraph
2	(A); or
3	"(II) $5:00$ p.m. (eastern time) on
4	the business day following the date of
5	the appointment of the receiver.
6	"(iii) Walkaway clause de-
7	FINED.—For purposes of this subpara-
8	graph, the term 'walkaway clause' means
9	any provision in a qualified financial con-
10	tract that suspends, conditions, or extin-
11	guishes a payment obligation of a party, in
12	whole or in part, or does not create a pay-
13	ment obligation of a party that would oth-
14	erwise exist, solely because of such party's
15	status as a nondefaulting party in connec-
16	tion with the insolvency of an insured de-
17	pository institution that is a party to the
18	contract or the appointment of or the exer-
19	cise of rights or powers by a conservator or
20	receiver of such depository institution, and
21	not as a result of a party's exercise of any
22	right to offset, setoff, or net obligations
23	that exist under the contract, any other
24	contract between those parties, or applica-
25	ble law.".



1	(b) I	NSURED	Credit	Unions.	—Section
2	207(c)(8)(G)	of the Fede	eral Credit	Union Act 1	12 U.S.C.
3	1787(c)(8)(G)) is amend	ed by strik	ing clause (i	i) and in-
4	serting the fol	lowing new	clauses:		
5		"(ii)	Limited 8	SUSPENSION	OF CER-
6		TAIN OBL	IGATIONS	—In the ca	ise of a
7		qualified f	inancial co	ntract refer	red to in
8		clause (i),	any payme	ent or delive	ry obliga-
9		tions other	wise due f	rom a party	pursuant
10		to the qua	lified finan	cial contract	t shall be
11		suspended	from the	time the li	quidating
12		agent is ap	pointed un	til the earlie	r of—
13		41	(I) the time	ne such part	y receives
14		notice	that such	h contract	has been
15		transf	erred purs	uant to subp	oaragraph
16		(A); o	r		
17		61	5(II) 5:00 p	o.m. (eastern	time) on
18		the bu	ısiness day	following th	ne date of
19		the a	ppointmen	t of the li	quidating
20		agent.			
21		"(iii)	WALKAV	VAY CLAU	SE DE-
22		FINED.—F	or purpos	es of this	subpara-
23		graph, the	term 'wal	lkaway claus	se' means
24		any provis	ion in a q	ualified fina	ncial con-
25		tract that	suspends	conditions.	or extin-



1	guishes a payment obligation of a party, in
2	whole or in part, or does not create a pay-
3	ment obligation of a party that would oth-
4	erwise exist, solely because of such party's
5	status as a nondefaulting party in connec-
6	tion with the insolvency of an insured cred-
7	it union or the appointment of or the exer-
8	cise of rights or powers by a conservator or
9	liquidating agent of such credit union, and
10	not as a result of a party's exercise of any
11	right to offset, setoff, or net obligations
12	that exist under the contract, any other
13	contract between those parties, or applica-
14	ble law.".
15	SEC. 7. COMPENSATION OF CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEES; CHAP-
16	TER 7 FILING FEES.
17	(a) Amendments to Title 11 of the United
18	STATES CODE.—
19	(1) Compensation of Chapter 7 Trust-
20	EES.—Section 330(b)(1) of title 11, United States
21	Code, is amended by striking "\$45" and inserting
22	"\$100".
23	(2) Related amendments.—Section 330(b)
24	of title 11, United States Code, is amended—
25	(A) by striking "(1)" and



1	(B) by striking paragraph (2).
2	(b) Amendments to Title 28 of the United
3	STATES CODE.—
4	(1) Chapter 7 filing fee.—Section
5	1930(a)(1)(A) of title 28 of the United States Code,
6	as amended by section 10101 of Public Law 109-
7	171, is amended by striking "\$245" and inserting
8	"\$300", and
9	(2) United States Trustee Fund.—Section
10	589a(b)(1)(A) of title 28, United States Code, is
11	amended by striking "40.46" and inserting "29.67".
12	(c) Related Amendment Regarding Collec-
13	TIONS AND DEPOSITS OF MISCELLANEOUS BANKRUPTCY
14	FEES.—Section 406(b) of the Judiciary Appropriations
15	Act, 1990 (28 U.S.C. 1931 note) is amended by striking
16	"28.87" and inserting "21.17".
17	(d) Conforming Amendment.—Section 10101(a)
18	of Public Law 109–171 is amended by striking paragraph
19	(2).
20	(e) Effective Date; Application of Amend-
21	MENTS.—The amendments made by this section shall take
22	effect 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act
23	and shall not apply with respect to cases commenced
24	under title 11 of the United States Code before the date



25 such amendments take effect.

1 SEC. 8. SCOPE OF APPLICATION.

- 2 Subject to section 7(e), the amendments made by this
- 3 Act shall not apply to any cases commenced under title
- 4 11, United States Code, or appointments made under any
- 5 Federal or State law, before the date of the enactment
- 6 of this Act.

